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## CAMBODIA, BEIJING'S CLOSEST SOUTHEAST ASIAN ALLY

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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi arrived in Cambodia on Sunday for a three-day official visit to reaffirm ties with Beijings closest ally in Southeast Asia. His visit is the last stop on a three-nation regional swing that also took him to Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.
He is visiting amid foreign concerns about two big Chinese-funded projects in Cambodia planned canal and a naval base that critics allege could aid Beijings strategic military interests in Southeast Asia.
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